



## Elul 5781 - August / September 2021 Coalition for Jewish Learning E-Newsletter

Back to school is upon us!!! Hearing the Shofar every morning in the coming month will make the coming year feel so real! I hope you have enjoyed your summer and that you are refreshed and ready to begin again!

I'm excited to gather with our teachers virtually for our August 24 panel about inclusion. See details below. I hope you can join us.

The last day to earn credits toward the 2020-2021 LOMED stipend is August 31. After that, all credits will be toward the 2021-2022 school year.

We are starting a third cohort of **BINAH: Building Inquiry-based Network through Hevruta**. This program is open to teachers in Jewish schools **working with children age 3 and up**. It is a meaningful year long cohort professional development program. See more information below or contact me to learn more. You can apply [here](#).

Please be in touch with any questions or comments. I am here to support you.

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### *Elul*

*Elul* is the month before *Rosh Hashanah*. The Hebrew word אלול is an acronym for אני לדודי ודודי לי which means I am to my beloved as my beloved is to me (from the Song of Songs). During *Elul*, we search our hearts and strive to connect with God. During the month of *Elul* it is traditional to hear the *Shofar* blown every day (except *Shabbat*) to remind ourselves to wake up and do *teshuvah* (repent.)

## Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah is the beginning of the new Jewish year. It celebrates the creation of the world. It is on Rosh Hashanah that the Jewish calendar begins a new year (it will become 5782). Rosh Hashanah is a time for prayer, reflection on past deeds, and a commitment to improve in the coming year. The holiday is also the beginning of the Ten Days of Repentance, culminating with Yom Kippur. This year Rosh Hashanah falls on Tuesday, September 7 and Wednesday, September 8.

Here are some great teacher resources for Rosh Hashanah:

- [Music and Videos](#)
- [Materials from the CJL Teachers' Center](#)
- [Other resources](#)

READ MORE

**LOMED**  
Qualifier for Jewish Learning  
MILWAUKEE JEWISH EDUCATION

## BINAH Teacher Certification: Building an Inquiry-based Network as Hevruta

Starting October 2021

Earn a \$500 Stipend  
& a \$1 per hour raise\*

\*Raise for Teachers at Participating  
Supplementary Schools Only

Join a Milwaukee professional development cohort to strengthen your skills as a Jewish educator. Open to teachers at local Jewish schools. This is a one year program starting in October 2021. Participants will meet monthly for:

- \* Hevruta (partner) text study
- \* Video observation
- \* Analysis of student work
- \* Analysis of curriculum
- \* Individual goals, classroom observation & follow up (2x per year)

Contact:  
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## Kesher Inclusion Korner by Jennifer Saber

Jennifer Saber is the new CJL Inclusion Specialist. Each month she will share classroom tips for inclusion. Read more about Jen and her new role in [this article](#) from the Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle.

Questions for Jennifer? Contact her at [JenniferS@MilwaukeeJewish.org](mailto:JenniferS@MilwaukeeJewish.org).

A key to student success in the classroom is getting to know them. Who knows the students best? The parents and the students themselves. Be an educational sleuth and gather the information you need to build those partnerships. Use a questionnaire to collect the information. [Here are two examples to email out to families](#) with a return date preferably before the first day of class. [Here is an example of a questionnaire for the students](#) to complete on their own in the classroom on the first day.



### LOMED: Learning Opportunities for Milwaukee Educators

LOMED classes are open to all educators working at Milwaukee Jewish schools. The \$300 stipend for completing 10 hours of training is available to all teachers participating in the program.

We are planning to offer LOMED classes this summer. You can use these credits to finish your 2020-2021 stipend or to work towards your 2021-2022 stipend.

At this point, all classes are scheduled on Zoom. I will let you know if any switch to being in person.

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### LOMED Classes

**Hoping Together: Imagining a Unified Response to Student Need During the Next Uncertainty with Aaron Heffernan (1**

**credit)**

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 7 pm

*Consider a shared vision of what the new uncertainty of school will be and how we will respond to it. Unique and practical suggestions for engaging / re-engaging the unique needs of students during reopening will be explored.*

Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

**Back to School Professional Development Inclusion Panel (2 Credits)**

Tuesday, August 24, 2021, 7-8:30 pm

Topics / Guest Speakers:

- LGBTQ: Rabbi Joel Alter
- Interfaith Families: Rabbi Hannah Wallick
- Disabilities: Jennifer Saber
- Racial Diversity: Chelsea Cross

Available only through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

**One Class, Many Students: How to Meet Everyone's Learning Needs with Jennifer Saber, CJL Keshet Inclusion Specialist (1 credit)**

Thursday, October 28, 2021 6:30 pm, hybrid, location TBD

All students have different learning needs. So how do you walk into your classroom to teach the same subject to each of those students? Learn how to use differentiation to tailor instruction and reach every student.

Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

**Salute to Jewish Educators**

Sunday, March 20, 2022, 3 pm

Harry & Rose Samson JCC

**LOMED Lunch & Learns**

Lunch & Learns are open to everyone. Teachers can earn 1 LOMED credit for attending a LOMED Lunch & Learn (no homework required). This year the theme of our Lunch & Learns is people of the Torah.

**All about Isaac and Rebecca**

Wednesday, August 11, 2021, 12-1 pm

Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

**All about Jacob, Rachel, & Leah**

Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 12-1 pm

Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

**All about Sodom & Gomorrah**

Monday, November 8, 2021, 12-1 pm

Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

**All about Joseph & His Brothers**

Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 12-1 pm

Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

### **All about The Twelve Tribes**

Monday, January 10, 2022, 12-1 pm  
Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

### **All about Moses**

Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 12-1 pm  
Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

### **All about Miriam**

Monday, March 7, 2022, 12-1 pm  
Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

### **All about the Burning Bush**

Wednesday, April 6, 2022, 12-1 pm  
Through Zoom Video Conference [here](#)

Watch recordings of past Lunch & Learns ( **not for credit**) [here](#).

### **LOMED Book Clubs**

#### **Isresilience by Michael Dickson and Dr. Naomi L Baum**

Held in conjunction with the Israel Center of Milwaukee Jewish Federation

Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 7 pm

**RSVP or More Information**

**Watch Recorded LOMED classes for [Credit](#)**

**Click for Class  
Links**

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**EARN 2  
LOMED  
CREDITS**



**LOMED BACK TO SCHOOL  
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
INCLUSION PANEL:  
TEACHING TOOLS  
MAKING ALL STUDENTS  
FEEL WELCOME**

**Tuesday, August 24, 7-8:30 pm**

**Via Zoom**

**Link sent on registration**

**GUEST TOPICS / SPEAKERS:**

- **LGBTQ: RABBI JOEL ALTER**
- **INTERFAITH FAMILIES: RABBI HANNAH WALLICK**
- **DISABILITIES: JENNIFER SABER**
- **RACIAL DIVERSITY: CHELSEA CROSS**

**Panelists will provide practical suggestions and pedagogical tools for classroom inclusion.**

**RSVP and Submit Questions:  
[TziporahA@MilwaukeeJewish.org](mailto:TziporahA@MilwaukeeJewish.org)**



SAFEGUARDING HEALTHY FAMILIES AND RELATIONSHIPS



SHOFAR, an initiative of Jewish Family Services, Inc. and the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, calls on all community members to reach out to loved ones who may be at increased risk for violence in their relationships during this time. If you or someone you know is in danger, remember that you/they are not alone.

**GET HELP NOW**

**ABOUT THE COALITION FOR JEWISH LEARNING**

The Coalition for Jewish Learning, the Education Department of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, promotes and advances Jewish education in the greater Milwaukee community, provides a support system for the community's institutions of Jewish learning, and forges coalitions to ensure excellence in Jewish education.

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"Ben Zoma says: Who is the wise one? One who learns from all people, as it says, 'I have acquired understanding from my teachers.'"

- Pirkei Avot 4:1

